



Sunday, September 8, 2024

Part Two: REALLY Hot Button Issues in Ethics

9 a.m. Pre-Talk
10 a.m. Gathering
10 a.m. C3 Kids with Miss Mary and volunteer Renee Borton
11:00 a.m. Talk Back

White Team Hosts: Patti Baldus, Kathy Humphrey, Chrys Moelter-Gray, Deb Schubert
White Team Ushers: Tom Webber, Bob Wassink
Welcome Table: Sarah Jacobs
Next Week: BlueTeam

C3 Board of Trustees: Chair: Teresa Colbry
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Next Week!
Teacher: Brad Ruggles
Musicians: Folias Duo
Meditation: Charlotte Rozich
Gathering Host: Nelleke Knarr
Kids' Volunteer: Ryan Cotton



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Core Teacher: Michael DeWilde is Director of the Koeze Business Ethics Initiative at the Seidman College of Business, as well as full professor in the Management Department at GVSU. He holds an MTS from Harvard University and did his undergraduate work at William James College (GVSU).

Musicians: Jess Willyard is a singer-songwriter who has been playing music in Michigan since the early 90's. He's been in Metal, Reggae, Folk, and Rock bands in the Ann Arbor/Detroit area. He currently teaches guitar, bass, ukulele and mandolin. Also he studied with Tibetan Buddhist master Gelek Rimpoche and is a qualified representative of the Gelugpa Tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. Jess will be joined by Michael, Sonja, and Charlotte DeWilde.

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Meditation: Rod Van Abbema

Moment of Silence

Readings/Teaching: Michael DeWilde

Morality binds people into groups. It gives us tribalism, it gives us genocide, war, and politics. But it also gives us heroism, altruism, and sainthood.

- Jonathan Haidt

Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.

- Buddha

I'm very mild,
I'm very meek,
My will is strong,
but my won't is weak.
Cole Porter

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C3 is in USA Today

Brad and Shannon are both quoted and pictured in a September 2 article in USA TODAY, "As millions leave organized religion, spiritual and secular communities offer refuge." C3 is one of four communities profiled in the article. Check your email for a message from C3 that arrived on Wednesday morning, September 4, to read the whole article.

Nominations for BOT

The Board of Trustees election will happen at the Annual Meeting on November 3. There are three openings on the board for 2025-26. Two current board members will be seeking re-election, leaving one open seat. Nominations are open through October 1. If you would like to nominate someone, or have any questions, please see Trustee Wayne Johnson or Executive Director Shannon McMaster.

Can You Take One Small Step?

C3 is encouraging people to participate in One Small Step, an initiative by WGVU and StoryCorps by signing up to take part in a facilitated conversation with someone new, with different political beliefs from yours, and get to know each other as people. Learn more and sign up at the WGVU website: www.wgvu.org/onesmallstep/

Week 3@C3: Food for Gaza

From September 1 - 15, we will accept checks, cash, or credit card donations to help provide food packets in Gaza. Gifts will be funneled through MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) in Goshen, IN, and food packets will go to refugees sheltering in camps in Gaza. Make checks out to C3, with "Food for Gaza" in the memo line. Checks will be acknowledged for tax purposes. Checks may be put in the donation boxes, or mailed to C3, PO Box 371, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Cash labeled "Food for Gaza" is accepted in the donation boxes. See Chase for credit card donations.

Your Participation is Vital

On September 21, the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta takes place. Sign up with Patti to staff the C3 table and/or bake cookies to sell. Sign up online to volunteer for the Fiesta event itself: <https://www.tcpuentes.org/fiesta/volunteers>.

Humanity for Prisoners fall fundraiser is scheduled for September 26. *Voices of Humanity*, a powerful new film that tells the compelling story of Maurice Carter's wrongful conviction and the birth of Humanity for Prisoners, will be premiered. Search "Humanity for Prisoners" online for ticket information.

Adopt-A-Highway: Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m. to noon

Lots of volunteers are needed for our fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. Sign up anytime via email (awassmann@wassmandesign.com, include name and phone number please), or at the Outreach table.

Dine with Nine in October

The next Dine with Nine (or seven or eight) is planned for October 19. Sign up any Sunday in September. The theme is *Fall Harvest Time*. All are welcome to participate! Several hosts will open their homes for the event, which provides an enjoyable evening for everyone to laugh, eat, and discuss.

Sunday Dinner Group at the Park

We meet at William Ferry Park in Ferrysburg at 5:30 p.m. Bring your own picnic!

C3 Men's Club

Join in conversation with men from C3 and the community each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room B at St. John's Episcopal Church. Questions? Call Phil Koster at 616-402-1751.

Vigil for Peace and Justice

Join us Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park.

C3 Book Club and Friends

Our next book discussion is at The Bookman at 6:30 p.m. on September 17. We will discuss *Bicycling with Butterflies* by Sarah Dykman.

Women's Journey

Our next meeting will be September 23 at 6:30 pm at The Bookman. If you would like to make or renew connections with the some of the women of C3, please join us for relaxed social time at one of our monthly meetings.

Community Care and Concern

Contact: **Cheryl Van Abbema, 616-402-3108; Mike and Charlotte Rozich, 517-918-5483** or **517-918-5464**.

Joan Sutton died peacefully at home on the morning of August 26.

Arrangements are pending. Cards can be sent to 13892 148th Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Info for C3 Matters or C3 Update

Please send any announcement for the C3 Update and/or C3 Matters to Chrys (cgmgray@mac.com) & Becky (frontdesk@c3westmichigan.org) by Tuesday of the week you would like it included.